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SUBJECT: FURTHER EXTENSION OF MAURITIAN STATE OF EMERGENCY

REF A) PORT LOUIS 0612, B) PORT LOUIS A-210 DATED 11/21/72

1. PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM HELD OFF ON SUBMISSION OF MOTION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF MAURITIAN STATE OF EMERGENCY UNTIL JUNE 25, NO DOUBT TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SUPPORT (LP MEMBER MARCEL MASON WHO RETURNED ON SAME PLANE AS AMBASSADOR JUST IN TIME TO CAST VOTE FOR EXTENSION, SAID ALL ABSENTEES SUMMONED HOME).

2. AS IT TURNED OUT, VOTE THIS TIME NOWHERE NEAR AS CLOSE AS IN NOV., 1972 (REF B.) EXTENSION. REQUIRED TWO- THIRDS MAJORITY FOR EXTENSION EASILY EXCEEDED WITH VOTE OF 51-6. FIVE OPPOSITION PARTY UDM DEPUTIES VOTED AGAINST EXTENSION IN TOTO JOINED BY G. TEELOCK (LABOR PARTY). HOWEVER, IN PROTEST AGAINST MEASURE, IFB DELEGATION, LED BY PARTY HEAD BISSOONDOYAL, WALKED OUT OF SESSION, AND SEVERAL OTHER ABSENTED SELVES.

3. CONTRARY TO LAST VOTE ON STATE OF EMERGENCY, CAM MEMBERS, ASIDE FROM YOUSOUF MOHAMED, DID NOT ABSENT THEMSELVES, BUT WERE ALIGNED WITH GOVT. FORMER COOPERATIVES MINISTER, AND LABOR UNION EMINENCE H. RAMNARAIN, WHO HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT STANDOUT DURING PREVIOUS VOTE ON EXTENSION, THIS TIME RANGED HIMSELF
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WITH MAJORITY, SUGGESTING HIS EARLY RETURN CABINET POSSIBLE.

4. PRIMIN RAMGOOLAM CONTINUES TALK ABOUT " MISGUIDED PEOPLE"
WHO ATTEMPTING UNDERMINE MAURITIAN DEMOCRACY, BUT SEEMINGLY,
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NO DOUBT CONVINCED FULL STATE OF
EMERGENCY DESIRABLE FOR ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS LARGELY AS PRE-
CAUTION ASSURE PREDICTED BUMPER SUGAR CROP WHOSE CUTTING NOW
JUST GETTING UNDERWAY. TO MEET CRITICISM UNWARRANTED PRESS CEN-
SORSHIP, PMSD LEADER DUVAL DID INTIMATE IN DEBATE SOME PRESS
CONTROLS MIGHT BE LOOSENEED IF PRESS WOULD ACT IN MORE RESPONSI-
BLE AND COOPERATIVE FASHION.
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